

441—113.15(237) Unannounced visits.

113.15(1) The unannounced visit shall occur during periods of the day when the child and foster parents would normally be at home and awake, unless there has been a specific complaint about the family and care of the child.

113.15(2) The unannounced visit may include, but is not limited to, assessment of the following areas:

- a.* Cleanliness of the home.
- b.* Cleanliness and appropriateness of the child's clothing.
- c.* Interaction between the foster child and foster family.
- d.* The foster child's perception of the foster parents, other children and adults in the home, behavioral expectations of foster parents, discipline used by foster parents, religious training, school, contact with natural parents, and purpose of placement in foster care.
- e.* The foster parents' view of the child, the child's problem, placement worker's involvement, plan for the child, involvement of natural parents, and additional services that either the foster child or foster parents need.
- f.* Any previously cited deficiencies.
- g.* Recommended action.

113.15(3) Impressions of the unannounced visit shall be shared with foster parents.

113.15(4) A written report summarizing the visit shall be sent to the licensing worker within two weeks after the visit. A copy of the report shall be retained in the foster parents' record.

113.15(5) Actions after the unannounced visit.

a. When deficiencies are cited that do not appear likely to cause immediate physical or mental harm to the child, an additional visit may be scheduled.

b. When the reported deficiencies raise questions of concern as to the quality of care provided, the licensing worker shall report to the placement worker, suggesting a meeting with foster parents to discuss deficiencies and suggestions for improving the deficiencies, and following the discussion obtaining written commitments from the foster parents as to how the foster parents intend to correct the deficiencies.

c. When the reported deficiencies appear likely to cause immediate physical or mental harm to the child, the service area manager immediately shall:

- (1) Direct the placement worker to determine if the child should be removed, and
- (2) Direct the licensing worker to complete a review of the foster home to determine if the family should continue to be licensed, should receive a provisional license, or should have the license revoked according to 441—112.6(237).

113.15(6) When the foster parents refuse to make a written commitment to improve the deficiencies, the licensing worker shall do a complete review of the foster home to determine if the license should be revoked according to rule 441—112.6(237).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.7.